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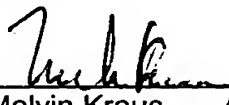
By the above amendments, claims 1-5 have been amended and claim 6 has been canceled. Additionally, the abstract has also been amended. It is noted that generally the amendments to the claims and abstract delete the parenthetical expressions.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims and abstract by the current Preliminary Amendment. This marked-up version is on the attached pages, the first page of which is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.37453CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-5 as follows:

1. (amended) A method for recording still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) for managing one or more still pictures (~~VOB~~) as a still picture group (~~VOBG~~) onto a storage medium, said method comprising a step of:

recording still picture management information (~~VOBI~~) in said still picture group management information (~~VOBGI~~) in the same order of recording corresponding still pictures (~~VOB~~), wherein said still picture management information (~~VOBI~~) is classified into types of still picture management information including

a first type of still picture management information (~~V_I~~) on a still picture with no audio to be reproduced in synchronism with the reproduction of the still picture,

a second type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~) on a still picture with only the original audio recorded substantially at the same time the still picture was recorded,

a third type of still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~) on a still picture with only a post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded, and

a fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~) on a still picture with both of the original audio and a post-recorded audio added to the still picture already recorded, and

wherein said still picture management information (~~VOBI~~) has a data size designated by said type.

2. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said first still type of picture management information (~~V_I~~) includes identification information (~~V_I_ID~~) for identifying said first type of still picture management information (~~V_I~~) and size information (~~V_Size~~) of image data (~~V_Part~~) of the still pictures corresponding to said first type of still picture management information (~~V_I~~).

3. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said second still type of picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~) includes identification information (~~V_OA_I_ID~~) for identifying said second type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~), size information (~~V_size~~) of image data (~~V_Part~~) of the still pictures corresponding to said second type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_I~~), and an original audio playback time (~~OA_PTM~~).

4. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said third type of still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~) includes identification information (~~V_AA_I_ID~~) for identifying said third type of still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~), size information (~~V_Size~~) of image data (~~V_Part~~) of the still pictures corresponding to said third type of still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~), and pointer information (~~AA_I_PTR~~) for providing a link to a post-recorded audio data (~~AA_Part~~) of the still pictures (~~VOB~~) corresponding to said third type of still picture management information (~~V_AA_I~~).

5. (amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~) includes identification information (~~V_OA_AA_I_ID~~) for identifying said fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~), size information (~~V_Size~~) of image data (~~V_Part~~) of the still pictures corresponding to said fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~), size information (~~OA_Size~~) of original audio data (~~OA_Part~~) of the still pictures corresponding to said fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~), an original audio playback time (~~OA_PTM~~) and pointer information (~~AA_I_PTR~~) for providing a link to a post-recorded audio data (~~AA_Part~~) of the still pictures (~~VOB~~) corresponding to said fourth type of still picture management information (~~V_OA_AA_I~~).